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MESSAGE:

Examiner Hui,

Attached please find a response to the office action dated December 21, 2005, for your kind consideration.

Kind regards,

Christy Hennigan

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In re application of: Weers et al.	Group No: 1617	RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER APR 20 2006
Application No: 09/851,226	Examiner: San Ming R. Hui	
Confirmation No: 4017	Attorney Docket No: NK.73.00	
Filed: 05/08/2001	Thursday, April 20, 2006 San Francisco, CA 94107	
Title: PHOSPHOLIPID-BASED POWDERS FOR DRUG DELIVERY		

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Total Claims	80	81	0	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
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Multiple Dependent Claims			0	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
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*No new claims in the present amendment, but claims were miscounted in the last amendment transmittal

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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This communication is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 21, 2005, and is being filed within four months thereof with a one month extension fee.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0258 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

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